GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Water Vending Machines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway is installing water vending machines at all stations in phases for providing purified drinking water at lower prices in a bid to prevent fleecing of train passengers;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is proposing to replicate it at other stations across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Over South Central Railway, 129 Water Vending Machines (WVMs) have been commissioned by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) at A1, A, B & C category stations of Hyderabad, Guntakal, Vijayawada and Guntur Divisions of South Central Railway. Further, contracts have been awarded for installation of 62 more WVMs in Secunderabad and Nanded Divisions.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. To provide pure drinking water to passengers at nominal rates, IRCTC has awarded licenses for installation of 2800 WVMs, out of which 1100 WVMs have been commissioned at 345 stations over Indian Railways. Ministry of Women & Child Development and NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) have also agreed to facilitate installation and operation of WVMs with the help of Self Help Groups over various D, E & F category Railway stations.
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